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Averell Harriman called me from Geneva this morning about the sorry mess into which he seems to think affairs have fallen there. A little later, Assistant Secretary McConaughy called me from Washington on the same subject, instructing me to see the Foreign Secretary.

E and I lunched with Home Secretary and Mrs. R. A. Butler. The Maudlings, Lord Selkirk and his wife (Singapore), and John von Herwarth, were the other guests.

Mr. Snell came over from TIME to question me about Ernest Hemingway, in connection with a round-up they are in process of preparing.

James Holburn, Senior Editor of the Glasgow Herald, called on me. I found him interesting. He represented the London Times for two years in the United States.

Tonight, I went to a stag (with the exception of Madame Pandit) dinner, at Lancaster House, given by the Prime Minister in honor of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Colombo Plan. Edinburgh was the principal speaker, and charming Madame Pandit another orator. Later in the evening, High Commissioner Drew of Canada, and myself, joined Lord Home and Mr. Peck, head of the Far Eastern Department at the Foreign Office, for what stretched out into two hours of conversation. I showed Home some notes I [redacted] made today on the situation in Geneva, in the following terms:

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